

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed February 27, 2009 the Office noted that claims 1, 5-7, 10, 12 and 13 were pending and rejected claims 5-7, 10, 12 and 13. Claim 1 has been amended, claims 6, 7, 10, 12 and 13 have been canceled, claim 14 is new, and, thus, in view of the foregoing claims 1, 5 and 14 remain pending for reconsideration which is requested. No new matter has been added. The Office's rejections are traversed below.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Office has indicated that claim 1 is allowable. The Applicants acknowledge the allowance of the claims and thank the Office for its consideration in examining these claims.

The Office has indicated that claim 2 would be in a condition for allowance if the 112 rejection is overcome. The Applicants thank the Office for the consideration given the claims and submit that the claims are allowable for the reasons discussed below.

REJECTIONS under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claim 2 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the applicant regards as the invention. The Office asserts that the claim has

omitted steps. The Applicants assume the Office meant to reference claim 5. The Applicants have changed the claim to recite a positive step.

Withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

REJECTIONS under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 6, 7, 10, 12 and 13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Kemper, U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0048428. The Applicant respectfully disagrees and traverses the rejection with an argument.

The Applicants respectfully submit that Kemper does not anticipate the present claims as in Kemper there is no axial and radial bellows. For axial bellows the folds extend substantially axial relative to the longitudinal axis of the body of the casing.

However, in order to receive a timely allowance, the Applicant cancels claims 6, 7, 10, 12 and 13.

Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

NEW CLAIM

Claim 14 is new. Support for claim 14 may be found, for example, in claim 1. The Applicant submits that no new matter is believed to have been added by the inclusion of claim 14. Claim 14 is substantially similar to claim 1 other than the

phrase "after opening the hollow mold" has been removed. The Applicants submit that the claims are not anticipated by the prior art of record.

SUMMARY

It is submitted that the claims satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112. It is also submitted that claims 1, 5 and 14 continue to be allowable. It is further submitted that the claims are not taught, disclosed or suggested by the prior art. The claims are therefore in a condition suitable for allowance. An early Notice of Allowance is requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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